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To: Federal Communications Commission Attn. Chairman Ajit Pai

Re: FCC Proceeding 17-199

To whom it may concern,

I was greatly distressed to hear that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) recently claimed that mobile broadband Internet access can serve as a substitute for high-speed home Internet in the United States.

Communications, news, education, political discourse, entertainment, and innumerable other activities take place on-line. People look for jobs, stay in touch with loved ones, conduct research, meet new friends, watch movies and television, and engage in debate among many other things. It is therefore not only desirable but absolutely necessary to provide access to reliable, high-speed Internet in the home for every American.

The FCC's assertion that mobile broadband can serve the same purpose as a wired connection is laughable. Mobile broadband services are generally slower, less-reliable, more expensive, and easier to intercept/disrupt than wired connections in the home. Additionally, mobile broadband is often subject to data caps, limited tethering, and radio interference from other household devices.

It is the FCC's responsibility to serve the best interests of the American people, not the best interests of large telecom providers and private corporations. The FCC should be lowering barriers to entry for high-speed Internet in rural communities and encouraging competition among providers to increase service speed and reliability while keeping the costs to consumers reasonable.

It is my most sincere wish that the FCC will stop pandering to the whims of the major corporations with concentrations of monopolistic control over Internet access in this country and start acting in the interest of consumers. Doing otherwise is a disservice to the Commission's mission, an embarrassment, and a disservice to the residents of these United States.

Sincerely,



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